

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of:	MA et al.	Atty. Docket No.:	1003C1
Title:	OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WITH NOISE LOADED IDLER CHANNELS		
Continuation of:	09/534,580		
Filed:	September 8, 2003		

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph beginning at page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.